

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-15

INFO OCT-01 SSO-00 ISO-00 /016 W  
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R 091227Z DEC 76

FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9952

INFO AMCONGEN BOMBAY

AMCONGEN CALCUTTA

AMCONGEN MADRAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IN, US

SUBJECT: FONMIN CHAVAN MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO SECRETARY-  
DESIGNATE

INDIAN PRESS DECEMBER 9 CARRIES REPORTS THAT MESSAGE  
OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM FONMIN CHAVAN TO SECRETARY  
OF STATE-DESIGNATE VANCE HAD BEEN SENT. TEXT WAS NOT  
PUBLISHED. MEA JOINT SECRETARY (AMERICAS) TEJA CALLED  
FACT THAT MESSAGE HAD BEEN SENT TO ATTENTION OF CHARGE.  
ONE POLITICAL COMMENTATOR (G.K. REDDY) OBSERVED THIS  
WAS FIRST TIME MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS HAD BEEN  
SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE WEEKS BEFORE HIS  
ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE. REDDY SAID THAT SINCE IT WAS  
"ESTABLISHED PRACTICE" (SIC) IN US FOR DEPARTING  
ADMINISTRATION TO "CLEAR" SUCH EXPRESSIONS OF POLICY  
WITH TRANSITION TEAM OF INCOMING ADMINISTRATION, CHAVAN  
MESSAGE WAS TO "RECIPROCATATE" FRIENDLY SENTIMENTS  
EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT FORD IN CREDENTIALS CEREMONY  
WITH KEWAL SINGH.  
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## Message Attributes

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